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Business NEWS

Updates on Major Development Projects

Work continues on a number of major developments throughout the City of Fairfax. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/development, 703-385-7930.

- **Scout on the Circle, 9444-9500 Fairfax Boulevard** — The approved mixed-use redevelopment at Fairfax Circle Plaza Shopping Center is under permit review. The property owner still is securing financing for project and finalizing a lease with anchor grocery store.
- **Novus Fairfax Gateway, 11091-11101 Fairfax Boulevard** — This approved mixed-use redevelopment at the former American Medical Labs property is under permit review.
- **Fairfax Shopping Center, 10342-10412 Fairfax Boulevard** — The property owner has proposed a redesigned shopping center with retail, restaurant, and Whole Foods 365 grocery; submission of complete application pending.
- **Paul VI Property, 10675 Fairfax Boulevard** — The developer held community meeting in October 2016 with proposed redevelopment concepts. No application has yet been submitted to city.
- **Davies Property, 4131 Chain Bridge Road** — The developer submitted an application for multifamily residential redevelopment, is under review.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

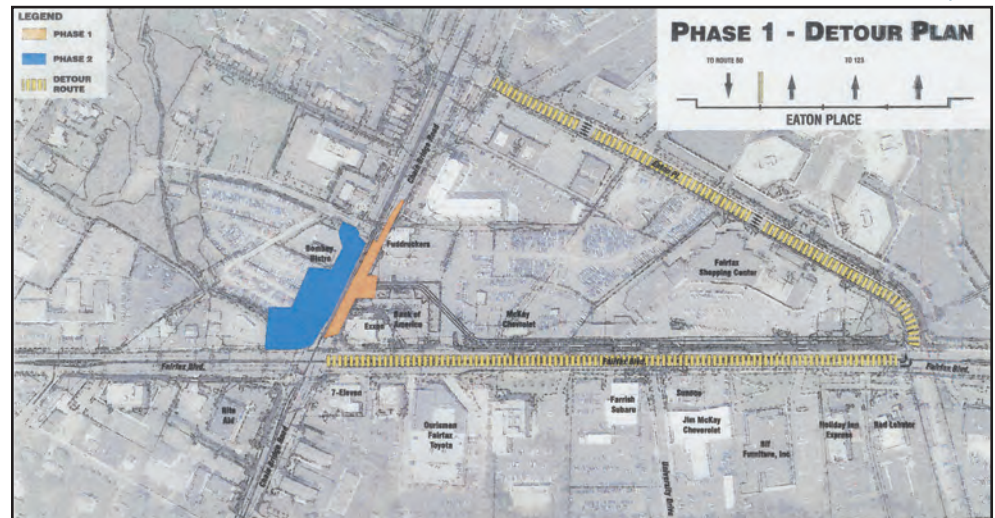


**Special Election for Mayor February 7;
Mayoral Candidates Night Events Set**

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Northfax Project Update

Route 123 Road Closure, Detour Scheduled to Begin in Mid-January



As part of the ongoing Northfax project, northbound Route 123/Chain Bridge Road will be closed between Fairfax Boulevard (Route 29/50) and Eaton Place beginning in mid-January.

Traffic on northbound Chain Bridge Road will be directed to turn right onto Fairfax Boulevard, then left on Eaton Place, before returning to Chain Bridge Road. Northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic will have access to I-66 (marked in yellow, above).

This detour is scheduled to continue through late December.

Southbound Chain Bridge road will remain open. However, beginning in late July, a lane shift will be in place on southbound Chain Bridge Road between Orchard Street to Fairfax Boulevard. This lane shift is sched-

uled to continue through late December.

The city has posted signage on Chain Bridge Road and Fairfax Boulevard announcing this detour. Drivers are encouraged to subscribe to Fairfax City Alert to receive road construction alerts via text and email (www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).

Additionally, notices have been posted on the city website, and on Cityscreen-12, the city television station.

The Northfax project will provide road improvements and pedestrian accommodations, as well as eliminate roadway flooding, at the intersection of Route 123/Chain Bridge Road and Fairfax Boulevard. Construction will be completed in summer 2018. Information: www.northfax.com, www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7810.

City **NEWS** AND Notes



Fairfax Resolution 2017: Discover the City

There's always something to discover in the City of Fairfax, so make a *Fairfax Resolution* in the new year to discover (or rediscover) a city service or a new treasure every month in 2017. Take a suggestion from *The Cityscene* or create one for yourself.

In *January*, resolve to take the CUE Bus to your favorite city destination: a shop or restaurant, maybe even a city park for a winter walk. CUE Bus runs in nearly all weather throughout the city, to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station, and to George Mason University. Information: 703-385-7859. www.cuebus.org.

Got a suggestion for *Fairfax Resolution*? Email WeCare@fairfaxva.gov, call 703-385-7855, or write to the Community Relations Office in City Hall.

January Holiday Government Closures

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

- No CUE Bus service
- Fairfax Museum closed

Monday, January 2 - New Year's Day (observed)

- City government offices closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum open
- CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule

Friday, January 13 - Lee-Jackson Day

- City government offices are open
- General District Court is closed

Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- City government offices closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum open
- CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule

Girls Inspired Event at City Hall Annex January 16

The Commission for Women will host Girls Inspired and Ready to Lead (GiRL) for a day of service from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. January 16 in the City Hall Annex.

Stacey Ferguson, Peace Corps gender

education specialist, will lead a presentation and activities to discuss the issues of access to education around the world for girls, and will discuss her work on the Let Girls Learn initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama.

For the service portion of the event, participants will prepare hygiene kits with GiRL. These kits will be given to girls in low-income households, many of whom miss school due to menstruation.

Information: 703-385-7894.

January Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

New Year's Day

- Monday, 1/2: no collection
- Tuesday, 1/3: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- Monday, 1/16: no collection
- Tuesday, 1/17: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Information: 703-385-7837,

RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

'12 Months of Traffic Safety' Launches With Inclement Weather Driving Tips



The City of Fairfax Police Department has launched "12 Months of Traffic Safety," beginning with inclement weather driving tips.

- Plan ahead and follow traffic advisories. Travel only if necessary, and check weather reports before every trip.
- Use main roads and arteries, which usually are the most passable.
- Before departure, clear all snow and ice off vehicles before departure — even from the rooftop.
- Keep warm clothing and blankets in the car in case of emergency — and see what the Office of Emergency Management recommends for a vehicle emergency kit (703-385-4856, fairfaxva.gov/oem).
- Stow the phone (or other electronic device) to avoid distracted driving.

Secondary School Students Eligible for a Free Bus Pass

Middle school and high school students who live in and attend school in the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County may travel for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector with a pass available through their schools.



For information, parents should contact school administrators. Parents of home-school students should contact Thomas Italiano (titaliano@fcps.edu, 703-446-2000).

Take a Survey on Draft Transportation Plan

Offer input on the city's Draft Transportation Plan. Those who did not attend the Multimodal Transportation Plan outreach meetings held in November 2016 are encouraged to review a short video on the city website that describes the draft plan, then complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FairfaxCity> by January 5 to share preferences for transportation planning in the City of Fairfax. The Draft Transportation Plan is work in progress and public input is crucial. Information: 703-385-7810.

Dog Licenses Due January 31

City dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs. Multi-year licenses are available.

License applications are due by January 31. City dogs age 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Dogs not wearing a 2017 license tag by February 1 will be in violation of City Code, and owners will be subject to a fine.

To obtain a license, owners must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog and, if applicable, neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian. Licenses may be purchased in person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Applications also may be submitted on the city website. Information: 703-385-7900.



Special Election for Fairfax Mayor to be Held February 7

Mayoral Candidates: Michael J. DeMarco • David L. Meyer • Eleanor D. "Ellie" Schmidt

Mayoral Election 2017 Candidates Forum

7 p.m. January 9, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund



Mayoral Candidates Night

7 p.m. January 19, Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive

Sponsored by The City of Fairfax Homeowners' Association

Televised LIVE and replayed on Cityscreen-12 — see schedule on page 5

Voter registration applications must be received January 24: in person by 5 p.m., online by 11:59 p.m., or postmarked by that date.

Absentee voter applications by mail accepted until 5 p.m. January 31.

In-person absentee voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through February 3 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 4 in the Election Office, 10455 Armstrong Street. Information: 703-385-7890, www.fairfaxva.gov.

Public Hearing on Proposed Wastewater Lateral Repair Assistance Program Set for January 10

Property owners can let the City Council know how they stand on a proposal to institute a wastewater lateral repair assistance program at a public hearing at the January 10 City Council meeting.

Currently, city residential and business property owners are responsible for the repair of wastewater laterals to the main, the individual pipelines that carry wastewater from their buildings. Often, at least a portion of the lateral runs under a public street, sidewalk or other municipal area.

Property owners also are encouraged to obtain additional insurance or utility support for these high-level, expensive repairs.

When failure occurs, these repairs must be completed immediately and can be expensive, sometime costing as much as \$30,000 or more.

The proposed lateral repair and replacement program would share a portion of the costs with customers who experience failures within city streets and easements.

Residential and business wastewater customers would pay \$18 or \$36 per year, respectively.

Upon implementation, this costs would be included in quarterly Fairfax Water bills beginning in April.

Information: 703-385-7850.

City Council Scheduled to Discuss University Drive Extension Project at January 24 Meeting

After the conclusion of the December 13, 2016 public hearing, the City Council deferred until January 24 its discussion on a resolution to move forward with the next stage of funding or cancel the University Drive extension project.

The project to extend University Drive from Fairfax Boulevard to Eaton Place is designed to improve mobility options in the Northfax area by providing a new connection between Fairfax Boulevard and Eaton Place.

The project will include construction of a new roadway with new sidewalks, on-road

bike lanes, lighting and landscaping. The project also will include the reconstruction of the traffic signal at the intersection of University Drive and Fairfax Boulevard.

A roadway extension in this location is recommended in the city's Comprehensive Plan as part of an expanded roadway grid to provide more travel routes and better connectivity within the Northfax area.

This project has received Smart Scale funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Information: 703-385-7810.



Place Holiday Greens Curbside for Collection

Give your live trees, garland and wreaths a chance to keep on giving after the holiday season ends: place live greenery at the curb for disposal on your scheduled collection day, and be sure to remove all decorations and tinsel from trees, as well as wires from wreaths.



These materials are taken to the Fairfax County landfill to be made into mulch, which is available to city residents while supplies last.

Recycling Bins Available; Toters Permitted

City residents who receive curbside recycling service from the city are provided special blue recycling bins for this purpose. Request new (or additional) recycling bins via RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov or 703-385-7837.

City residents may use larger containers they supply themselves, which may be up to 35 gallons (typical refuse container-size) with lids. Please make sure they are clearly marked as "recycling." (If possible, please choose blue-colored containers so crews can easily identify them).

Solid Waste Services Guide Available

For refuse and recycling information, see the city's new Solid Waste Services Guide, available online and by request: RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7837.

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INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



Download the city's mobile app today!

Information:
www.fairfaxva.gov/mobileapp



Plan for 2017 City Events, Holidays

Annual City-Sponsored Events

- **February 4-5:** Chocolate Lovers Festival
- **April:** Spring Cleanup Month
- **April 21 to May 9:** Spotlight on the Arts Festival
- **April 29:** Fairfax Civil War Day
- **May - October:** Rock the Block
- **May 6:** Mother/Son Campout
- **May 6:** Derby-Q
- **June 3:** Fido Fest
- **June 17:** Father/Daughter Dance
- **July 4:** Independence Day Parade, Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, Evening Show with fireworks
- **August 1:** National Night Out
- **August 6:** Bubble Run
- **September 4:** Labor Day Car Show
- **September 23:** Irish Folk Festival
- **September:** Fall for the Book (*date to be announced*)
- **October 14:** Fall Festival
- **November 18-19:** Holiday Craft Show
- **December 2:** Festival of Lights & Carols

Government-Observed Holidays

(city government offices closed)

- **January 2:** New Year's Day (*observed*)
- **January 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **February 20:** George Washington Day
- **May 29:** Memorial Day
- **July 4:** Independence Day
- **September 4:** Labor Day
- **November 10:** Veterans Day (*observed*)
- **November 23:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 24:** Thanksgiving holiday
- **December 22:** Christmas Eve (*observed*) (*offices close at noon*)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day
- **January 1, 2018:** New Year's Day

Tree Removal Permit Clarification

Please note a clarification to *Check Before You Chop: Tree Removal in the City May Require Permit* in the December 2016 *Cityscene*: "Tree removal permits are required to remove trees with a trunk diameter of five inches or greater (measured at breast height) on a lot half-acre or larger in a single-family detached zoning district, specifically those in the RL, RM, and RH zoning districts. Tree removal permits also are required on properties in all other districts, including the planned development districts, regardless of lot size."

2016 Business Recycling Report Due Online by March 1

City business owners are asked to electronically submit their annual business recycling report to the city between January 1 and March 1 using a form on the city website. Information: 703-385-7837.

The report details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The report must be completed online. Free computer services and Internet access are available at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.



FY 17-18 Budget Process Continues in January

The budget process continues as the Planning Commission holds a public hearing on January 23 on the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Cityscreen-12 will televise this meeting; see page 5.

The CIP is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget, and CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle.

City Manager Bob Sisson is scheduled to present the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2017-18 during the February 28 City Council meeting. The City Council will hold work sessions and public hearings on the proposed CIP in March, April, and May, and the CIP will be adopted with the budget on May 3. Information: 703-385-7870.

The current budget is available on the city website, or in print from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall. Information: 703-385-7876.

Zoning Permit Process in Effect

To help streamline the permitting process, the city implemented a Zoning Permit as part of the new zoning regulations that took effect October 1, 2016.

A Zoning Permit may be needed in conjunction with a building permit for an improvement to your property (such as an addition) or for the establishment of a permitted accessory use (such as a home occupation).

The Zoning Permit reduces the need for follow-up requests for information from city

staff and possible trips to City Hall for the applicant. It also provides the individual submitting the application with a clear point of contact for any zoning questions related to the proposed improvement or use.

Applications are available on the city website (in the "Application for Download" section of the Community Development & Planning Department pages) or from the Community Development & Planning Office, Room 207 in the City Hall Annex.

Information: 703-385-7820.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy for architectural historian)
- Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for city resident)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy for city resident)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN 12 SCHEDULE

Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communications: Channel 12
- City website

The Fairfax Scene



Through January 14, highlights from this year's Holiday Craft Show and the Festival of Lights and Carols.

Beginning January 15, get winter weather tips and learn about the city's snow removal process.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"

Emergency Preparedness



This series, presented by the Office of Emergency Management, focuses on many aspects of emergency preparedness, such as emergency kits, tornadoes and power outages.

Plays at 10 am and 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

Mayoral Candidates Night



Thursday, January 19, 7 pm

replays:

January 20-22, 10 am, 7 pm

January 23, 10 am

January 30-31, 10 am, 7 pm

February 1-5, 10 am, 7 pm

February 6, 10 am

Archived online: "special programming"

City Council



Tuesday, January 3, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, January 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, January 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 4



Tuesday, January 10, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, January 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, January 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 11



Tuesday, January 24, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, January 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 27, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, January 29, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 25

Planning Commission



Monday, January 9, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, January 10, 10 am

Thursday, January 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 10



Monday, January 23, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, January 24, 10 am

Thursday, January 26, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 24

School Board

Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm

Archived online January 11 (wideshot)

Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850, WeCare@fairfaxva.gov. Copies of some programs may be purchased on DVD for \$15 and on Blu-ray for \$20. Excerpts from city programs and meetings can be made upon request; cost is \$30 for DVD and \$35 for Blu-ray.

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

January 3 work session

- Discussion of the formal designation of a position of Acting or Vice Mayor for the city.
- Discussion of the city's branding implementation.
- Discussion of food truck operations on city-owned property.
- Discussion of an annual report format for the City of Fairfax.

January 10 regular meeting

- Introduction of an ordinance establishing a Cultural Arts Zone within the City of Fairfax.
- Public hearing and Council action on an ordinance implementing a sewer line insurance program.

January 24 regular meeting

- Public hearing and Council action on an ordinance establishing a Cultural Arts Zone

within the City of Fairfax.

- Discussion on a resolution to either move forward with or cancel the proposed University Drive extension project.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

January 9 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of the 2016 Annual Report.
- Nomination and election of chair and vice chair.
- Appointment to boards and commissions.
- Discussion of the Draft Goals and Outcomes for the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

January 23 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearing on the city Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program for fiscal year 2017-18 to fiscal year 2022-23.
- Discussion of the Draft Goals and Outcomes for the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

January 9 regular meeting

- Spotlight on Learning.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Providence Elementary School.
- Presentation on and approval of the City of Fairfax School Board Legislative Program.
- Public hearing on and approval of the school superintendent's proposed school budget for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Approval of the Revised Six-Year Plan.

January 23 work session

- No agenda items have been set.



City Council Reporter

October 25, 2016

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Article III, Chapter 38, Sections 38-31, 38-34, 38-37, pertaining to public health and safety menaces; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$694,449 for funding awarded to the city through VDOT's fiscal year 2016-17 Primary Extension Paving Program; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 66 as it pertains to personnel. (*Councilmember Greenfield was absent from the vote.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, 4-2, to direct staff to consider changes to the proposed project consistent with the comments received from the City Council and the public, seek additional project funding, finalize the plans and proceed to right-of-way acquisition and construction on the proposed project which involves constructing a new continuous sidewalk on the west side of Chain Bridge Road from Rust Hill Place to just north of North Street. The project will also eliminate existing erosion/drainage problems and roadside hazards within the project limits. (*Councilmembers Greenfield and Schmidt opposed.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14 as it pertains to license taxes applicable to persons having gross receipts of \$50,000 or less.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$56,000 for the addition of Transportation Alternatives Program to the budget and the transfer of NVT 30 percent monies from the Transportation Tax Fund to the Capital Fund for Metro to Mason University Drive Road Diet Project.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed Laura Hills to the Commission on the Arts for a three-year term extending through December 31, 2019.
- Appointed: Robert Kalmin to the Board of Architectural Review as the Business Representative; Svetlana Filiatreau and Teresa Presson to the Commission for Women.
- Reaffirmed the following 2016-2017 Council appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Subcommittees: Councilmember Meyer: Board of Directors; Councilmember Greenfield, Board of Directors, Alternate;

Councilmember Meyer, Transportation Planning Board; Councilmember Greenfield, Transportation Planning Board, Alternate; Councilmember DeMarco, Metropolitan Air Quality Committee; Councilmember Stehle, Metropolitan Air Quality Committee, Alternate; Councilmember Greenfield, Region Forward Coalition; Councilmember Miller, Human Services & Public Safety Policy; Councilmember Schmidt, Human Services & Public Safety Policy, Alternate; Councilmember Stehle, Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee; Councilmember Meyer, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee.

November 8, 2016

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Fairfax and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District; Consideration of a resolution to endorse the city's submission to the Virginia Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2018-22/23 Smart Scale Funding; Consideration of a resolution to endorse the city's submission to the Virginia Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2017-18 Revenue Sharing Funding; Consideration of a resolution approving the city's submission to the Virginia Department of Transportation for RSTP/CMAQ funding; Consideration of an award of contract for the construction of the University Drive sidewalk repairs at Armstrong Street.

Public hearings

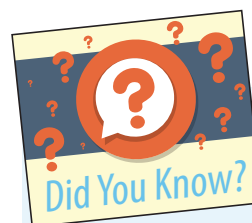
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Article III, Chapter 38 pertaining to public health or safety menaces.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 66 as it pertains to personnel.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$694,449 for funding awarded to the city through Virginia Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2016-17 Primary Extension Paving Program.
- Approved, unanimously, the proposed budget guidelines to be used in the preparation of the city's operating budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, the City of Fairfax 2017 Legislative Program.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed Hildie Carney to Historic Fairfax City, Inc.
- Appointed: Kelly McLaughlan to the Economic Development Authority, and Sean Mallon to the Economic Development Authority.



Fairfax Fact Book Offers Data, Trends

Discover facts about Fairfax City in the just-released draft *Fact Book* for the 2035 *Comprehensive Plan*.

The draft fact book (on the city website at tinyurl.com/fairfaxfactbook) provides current and historical data and trends in a visually interesting way. It will be used along with other information, including the current *Comprehensive Plan* and results of the 2016 *Community Survey*, to develop goals and outcomes for the 2035 *Comprehensive Plan*. Information: 703-385-7930.

Social media users have been treated to daily tidbits on Twitter (@FairfaxPlanning) and Facebook (@CityofFairfaxCDP).

Donations Sought for Children's Coats

The Fire Department has partnered with City of Fairfax Schools Superintendent Peter Noonan and City of Fairfax Firefighters Local 2702 as ambassadors in *Operation Warm*: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty. Firefighters will help personally fit each child with a new coat. Financial donations are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity and Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; if paying by check, please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day: Fairfax Museum closed; no CUE Bus service	2 Refuse and recyclables are not collected New Year's Day (observed): city government offices closed; General District Court closed; Fairfax Museum is open; CUE Bus runs on modified weekday schedule	3 Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	5  Reminder: absentee voting offered from 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays through February 3 City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	6 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	7
8 Second Sunday: Educating Freedmen in Fairfax County During Reconstruction, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	9  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Mayoral Election 2017 Candidates Forum, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	10  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	11 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	12  Fairfax Art League Art and Lunch, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	13 Lee-Jackson state holiday: City government offices are open and all services provided as usual; General District Court is closed Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  D'Amore Duo, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	14
15	16 Refuse and recyclables are not collected Martin Luther King Jr. Day: city government offices closed; General District Court closed; Museum open; CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule Girl Inspired Day of Service, 10:30 am, City Hall Annex	17 Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected Winter term at OLLI begins: olli.gmu.edu Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	18 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	19 Friday Morning Music Club, noon, Old Town Hall  Mayoral Candidates Night, 7 pm, Old Town Hall City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Greene Turtle, 3950 University Drive	20 Family Fun Movie Night: Finding Dory, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	21  Find out first! Find out fast! Enroll today: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert!
22	23  Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	24  Final day to register to vote before February 7 Special Election  City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25  Celebrate as Fairfax turns 275 this year! Information: Fairfax275.com	26 Community Appearance Committee Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	27 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  Georgetown Quartet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	28  Fairfax Art League Art and Lunch, noon, Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive The CSS Shenandoah and the Last Shot of the Civil War, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim  Fairfax Art League Artist Reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall
29	30  Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	31  Requests for absentee ballots by mail for the February 7 Special Election due by 5 pm Dog license applications due	 George Mason University hosts graduation events on the Fairfax campus in June that may affect traffic in and around campus. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-8846.	HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-585-7855 City News and Events 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.		



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City Happenings

Learn from History Lectures January 8, 28

Learn about *Educating Freedmen in Fairfax County During Reconstruction* at 2 p.m. January 8 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Get the skinny on *The CSS Shenandoah and the Last Shot of the Civil War* at 2 p.m. January 28 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Chocolate Cakes and Sculptures Sought; Valentines Available

Professional and amateur chefs of all ages are encouraged to participate in the Chocolate Challenge February 4-5 as part of the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Chefs submit works and tastes of art as the area's most talented chefs and chocolatiers judge the delectable submissions in numerous categories. Applications, due by February 3, are available on the Chocolate Lovers Festival website (www.chocolatefestival.net), or call 703-385-7858.

Chocolate Lovers Festival valentines (pictured, below) are sold at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, and at City Hall, Room 123. Cost is \$5 and includes a coupon for five pogs at the Taste of Chocolate.



Bonita Lestina Series Continues January 13, 27

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues into 2017 with *D'Amore Duo* January 13. On January 27, enjoy the *Georgetown Quartet*.

The free concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. before the concert.

Information: 703-352-ARTS.

Family Fun Movie Night Continues January 20

Watch *Finding Dory* for free January 20 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks.

Additionally, food donations are accepted from 7-9 p.m. by the Fairfax non-profit organization Britepaths; a list of accepted items is available upon request.

Mark your calendar: *Angry Birds* will be at the Sherwood Center February 24, complete with special event activities.

Information: 703-385-7858.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors at three city events. Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4, and craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 14 and the Holiday Craft Show November 18-19. Applications are due March 16 and are available on the city website.